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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
 WASHINGTON

January 26, 2011

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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
 United States Senate
 Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator *Gillibrand*:

Thank you for your letter of October 29 regarding the proposed Keystone XL pipeline. We recognize that it is in the national interest that a thorough environmental review, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), be carried out to fully address the pipeline's potential impacts on the environment and on public safety.

Your letter poses a number of technical and policy questions which will be addressed in the next version of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). To ensure that your questions are answered in a thorough and deliberative manner, we are including your letter in the administrative record on the permit application.

Let me assure you that we have not made a decision on whether to approve the pipeline and that we will not make a decision on whether to prepare a supplemental or final EIS until we complete all the steps of our review process on the draft EIS.

I appreciate the time you have taken to express your views. As we continue our review of the Keystone XL pipeline, please do not hesitate to contact us regarding this or any other issue of importance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary
 Hillary Rodham Clinton

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